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Dec. 21, 1942

Major Earle L. Johnson National Commander  
CIVIL AIR PATROL  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Major Johnson:

I am sending you one of the first copies of my new tune THE CIVIL AIR PATROL MARCH subject to your approval and possible sanction as our National Civil Air Patrol Theme Song and March.

If your executive board at their next meeting, should see the possibilities of making this such, I will immediately proceed from my angle to have it published, as I am now holding a contract with Broadcast Music Incorp., on all my song which are to be broadcast over the Air, and I can immediately get a clearance from them to have it broadcast over the National and Columbia chains.

I tried to get the whole story of the C.A.P. in, as far as was humanly possible with music, and I would like to have you submit it to the most rigid criticism, and inform me at your earliest convenience just what you personally think of it, so that I will know whether to throw it in the discard or not.

My pardner Mr. Harold Gardner, has a son Donald, who is playing in Ray Kings Band in Washington, D. C., and if you would care to hear how this number sounds with full orchestrations, I would suggest that you contact him, because I am sure he is making the arrangements on it now.

Hoping I may have a favorable reply from you soon, I am

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Very respectfully yours

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